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## THE SCHOOL ELECTION.

WITHIN A VERY FEW DAYS the people of Salt Lake will be called on to select members of the school board to succeed those whose terms are expiring. It goes without saying that this is in a sense the most important election of all the elections. It determines not only the choice of officeholders, but through them it determines the efficiency of the public school system of the city.

The welfare of every community depends finally on the education of the young. If they are not directed properly in their studies, if their teachers are inefficient or lack character, the whole social fabric of the community is impaired. It is more than a question of dollars and cents; it involves the moral health and the commercial success of every child whose destiny is controlled by his school training.

To the more careful observers, the present administration of the schools is not altogether satisfactory. It may be true, as some claim, that the system has not deteriorated, but that is no enough; the schools must lead in examples of progress, in the adoption of the best in modern ideas and the abandonment of all that is needless or antiquated.

For instance, the most important development of modern education has been the demonstration that manual training in its varied forms is invaluable as a means of practical education. Salt Lake has ventured an experiment or two in this direction, but it has not gone far enough. The boy or girl of today should be prepared for life by every opportunity a fine manual course can give. It not only trains the hand, the eye, the efficient forces of the mind, but it adds to the individual's value as a productive force in the community.

Again, there is an undercurrent of talk among both Mormons and non-Mormons of control of the schools as a sectarian issue. Neither Mormons nor non-Mormons can afford to make such an issue. The interests of both are identical; the success or failure of the schools affects both alike; to introduce strife and bickerings can only be disastrous to both. With a community so evenly balanced as this, both should have as nearly equal representation as possible, and The Herald believes there need be no difficulty in arranging it so.

In the employment of principals and teachers the question of religious belief or affiliations has no place. The man who would employ or reject a teacher on such grounds is not fit to represent either Mormon or Gentile on the school board. The school board members should be representative men, known for their breadth of view, their willingness to sacrifice their individual interests for the public good. They should be chosen regardless of politics or religion; and they should be made the subject of careful thought by the men and women who will make the nominations.

If possible, non-partisan, non-sectarian nominating conventions should make the nominations; and the conventions should be so conducted as to forbid the thought of anything like snap judgment or jobbery in the final choice.

## SPOILSMAN ROOSEVELT.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, through his chosen mouthpiece, Postmaster General Payne, is at least frank in stating his reasons for removing from office Internal Revenue Collector Bingham of Alabama. Bingham was removed because he was one of the Alabama Republicans who voted to keep all negro delegates out of their state convention. The president likes the negro vote and the negro voter, as evidenced in a number of different ways. In the Bingham case Mr. Payne said:

"The change in the office of collector of internal revenue for the district of Alabama in no wise reflects upon the integrity or the ability of Mr. Bingham, the incumbent of the office. It is one of those things which occasionally happen in politics. The position taken by the Republicans of Alabama at their recent state convention, as understood by the Republicans of the north, is looked upon as a perversion of the fundamental principles of the Republican party and Mr. Bingham is, in a measure, held responsible for that action, hence the change."

Somehow it is hard to recognize the Roosevelt of a few years ago in the Roosevelt of today. When the president was at the head of the civil service commission he insisted that nothing but fitness should be the test in making appointments to office. He believed then that political considerations should be left entirely out of the question. Now, while admitting the fitness of an officeholder, he abruptly dismisses him because of a political action which is disapproved by the president and his spoilsman advisers.

And another recent action of the president's which shows that he has grown out of some of his old opinions is his recognition of the notorious "Cass" Addicks of Delaware. The odoriferous Addicks has long been a disturbing factor in the Republican politics of Delaware. It is said that he stands for everything that is despicable in politics, that the decent Republicans of Delaware will have none of him, and yet here is President Roosevelt coddling him as he has coddled Quay of Pennsylvania and Payne of Wisconsin.

W. M. Byrne, Addicks' right hand man, who made the race for congress this fall as an independent candidate and thereby brought about the defeat of the regular Republican nominee, has just been appointed United States attorney for the district of Delaware, over the protest of the regular party organization. Verily, if all the politicians are not on the side of Roosevelt by the time the next Republican national convention assembles, it will not be because he hasn't tried hard enough to win them over to him.

## TROUBLE FOR THE "BULLS."

IT WILL BE HARD for the ordinary run of people to work up much sympathy or to shed many tears over the tribulations of the New York and Chicago stock gamblers. Just now those gentlemen are having a good deal of sorrow. That is, the "bulls" are, and the "bears" are reaping a rich harvest. The drop in stocks is the legitimate result of the inflation that has been in progress for many months. It was not reasonable to expect fictitious values to be maintained indefinitely.

Some of the New Yorkers are inclined to be indignant because the secretary of the treasury hasn't placed all of the government's ready money at their disposal. That is what Mr. Shaw did before the election, or he practically did that, for he deposited United States funds with banks that furnished collateral other than United States bonds, as required by law. Now this money has all been loaned out by the bankers and more is needed, but so far Mr. Shaw has been unkind enough to keep the treasury vaults locked.

John W. Gates is reported to have lost upward of \$7,000,000 as a result of recent slumps, and his temper is not improved thereby. All the "bulls," in fact, have been more or less hard hit, but it is difficult to see, as some of the New Yorkers would have us see, how the country at large is injured by the misfortunes that have overtaken the heavy speculators. It will strike most of us, too, as being just a little singular that stock prices should begin going to pieces just the minute it became

known that the country would be governed wholly by the Republican party for two years more.

We have been told all along that Republican success meant prosperity for everybody, especially the stock gamblers. It is likely that some of the latter took the promise seriously and bought all kinds of stocks in anticipation of a rise in values. The exact contrary has come to pass, and it is time for somebody to do a little explaining. Of course, if the Democrats had carried the country there would have been, as far as the Republicans are concerned, a sufficiently plausible explanation. But the Democrats, unfortunately, didn't win. Won't some really prominent organ of Republicanism throw a bright white light on the situation?

## TILDEN ESTATE SETTLED.

A BRIEF DISPATCH from New York announces the close of the litigation over the estate of Samuel J. Tilden. After more than sixteen years of struggling in the courts, Governor Tilden's great fortune has been dissipated among his heirs and their attorneys in a far different manner from that which he intended. The case of the Tilden will goes far to sustain the contention that last testaments are made only to be broken if the parties in interest so desire.

Governor Tilden was a lawyer who stood at the head of the greatest bar in the world, the bar of the city of New York. Interests involving millions of dollars were submitted to him during his practice, and on his opinion of the law and the facts pertaining to the institution of proceedings by prospective plaintiffs that usually meant the suspension of proceedings.

A few years before he died Governor Tilden, after careful deliberation, drew his own will. He made special bequests aggregating \$1,500,000, and directed that the remainder of his estate, which was valued at about \$3,500,000, be devoted to the establishment of a great public library in the city of New York. Mr. Tilden's disposition of his property attracted wide interest. It also created great dissatisfaction among his heirs, of whom he had none nearer than a sister and several nephews and nieces.

One of his nephews, George H. Tilden, instituted a contest. In the beginning it was not thought that he had much chance to win, but, after a legal battle that lasted for years the court of appeals decided that the public library bequest was void, so the bulk of the property reverted to the natural heirs. Ever since, until a few days ago, the estate has been in litigation on some pretext.

The final order was a decree distributing the share of the contestant, George H. Tilden, among his creditors so that, although he received in all close to \$1,000,000 from his uncle's estate, he does not seem to have made very good use of the money.

The Herald congratulates the progressive little city of Mt. Pleasant on a commercial club in forming a commercial club for the promotion of the city's best interests. The organization will doubtless become a power for good in the community, and we wish it all possible success. If the other Sanpete cities expect to keep pace with Mt. Pleasant they will have to go to work.

In the death of George A. Henty the boys of England and America lose one of their most highly esteemed authors. Mr. Henty had the happy faculty of mixing history and fiction so palatably that the youngsters never knew they were being instructed as well as entertained when they read his work. His books will furnish enjoyment for many generations of boys yet to come.

The very least the burglars who looted the Van Sant & Chamberlain music store can do is to serenade the police department with the stolen instruments. And the proceeding would be a perfectly safe one, too, unless the serenaders played so badly as to disturb the peace.

We believe in union labor as strongly as anybody, but it does seem that the bricklayers of Salt Lake could have se-

The Friday Afternoon Card club will meet with Mrs. F. J. Schultz at her home on East Brigham street.

The Fort Douglas Social club will give a dance in their hall tomorrow evening.

The German section of the Ladies' Literary club will meet Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the club house.

This afternoon at the home of Mrs. Graham F. Putnam the Clavier quartette will give a musical reception. The ladies composing the quartette are Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Putnam and Miss Morris.

Mrs. H. G. Whitney will give a Kensington this afternoon.

E. Nightingale has returned from his trip to California.

Mrs. Sam E. Wertheimer will be at home on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 824 South Main street.

Amusements.

This is the eleventh annual visit of the Bostonians in "Robin Hood," and it may truthfully be called a bigger and brighter production than ever. The opera, De- Koven's greatest work, is without a peer. It is bright and snappy, tuneful al- ways and often grand. Its gems are limited only by the number of pages in the score, and when interpreted by the Bostonians, who can always be relied upon to furnish the best talent in the country, it is indeed a lasting joy. The house was filled last night by an enthusiastic lot of first-nighters and music lovers.

In the present production about everything is new, except the veteran sheriff, Barnabee, and one or two other principal parts. The opera is magnificently staged. Costumes and scenery are new and bright and the people have that fresh, untired appearance that gives you the sense of the performance and seems to soften the chair which you occupy.

There is a new and very handsome prima donna, Grace Van Studdiford, a soprano of fine attainments, whose Maid Marian is vocally superior to any we have heard. Her rendition of "In Greenwood Fair" was the most artistic bit of the performance. Jessie Bartlett Davis' old part, Alana Dale, is interpreted by Olive Celeste Moore. She received a splendid encore on the old favorite, "Oh, Promise Me." Of the men, Barnabee, of course, is irreplaceable. The Firar Tuck of Frothington evoked as much merriment as ever and the singing of Allan C. Hinkley, both in "Jet Black Crow" and the "Forge Song," was a pleasant surprise. His voice, magnificent for its depth. The tenor and main part is given by William C. Woodson, whose voice is first of all sympathetic and extremely well built up. Mr. MacDonald did not appear last night in his old part of Little John, for the reason that he has a heavy role to sing in "Maid Marian" and cannot stand the strain of two consecutive performances. The part was acceptably filled by Mr. Dorrington, aside from the fact that he had a severe cold.

"Robin Hood" will be repeated in matinee tomorrow. Tonight and tomorrow night the sequel, "Maid Marian," will be heard for the first time in the west.

"The Hottest Coon in Dixie," a rag-time performance by real colored people, drew a fair house at the Grand last night, in spite of heavy opposition. The show pleased the crowd and it was not backward in manifesting its approval. For a "coon" show it is exceptional. The idea of the comedians have some idea of humor and don't have to knock the walls out to raise a smile. The place runs until Wednesday, with matinee tomorrow.

The advance sale for "A Poor Relation" begins at the Theatre this morning, and at the Grand seats will be on sale for "On the Stroke of Twelve."

LOVEY'S CARTOONS.

Kemmerer (Wyo.) Camera.) The highest feature of the electoral campaign in Utah was the series of cartoons published in The Salt Lake Herald. Lovey, the Herald artist, is fast winning a place in the front rank of his profession, beside such men as Davenport and Oppen.

Reflections of a Bachelor. (New York Press.) Being good is an awful lonesome job. Buy a friend's horse and be sold by a man.

A silent tongue makes sweet music for a fool. Women are least interesting when that is their condition. After a woman has trumped her partner's ace she says, with a sweet smile, it is always easy to play well when you hold the cards.

Pleading Intelligence. (Cleveland Plain Dealer.) "You is de gemmas dat's been waitin' fer Miss Nancy, isn't you?"

"Well, she said she won't keep you waitin' no longer, sah. She's jes' done gone an' doped wit' Miss Bookstaver through de back gate, sah."

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